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CARNARVON CHRISTMAS

Ladies laugh-fest.
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IN BRIEF

Come out to the Minden United Church Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m. to ring the bells in solidarity with environmentalists around the world. They will ring the bells 350 times to coincide with what scientists say is the upper limit of carbon dioxide parts per million in the atmosphere. Come and join them at the church on Newcastle Street.

IN QUOTES

"Every minute of every day a Canadian woman or child is sexually assaulted."

Bob McKay
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Can Tire waits for water tower

by CHAD INGRAM
 Times Staff

Mindenites who were holding their breath that the town's scheduled Canadian Tire store would go up in the spring may want to exhale before they suffocate.

The issue of the big box store, which announced more than two years ago its plans to set up shop in Minden, was brought up at Minden Hills budget meeting on Dec. 1.

Finance committee chairman Peter Oyler asked chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison for an update on the project and Morrison said it was his understanding the company now planned to wait until Minden Hills builds its water tower to proceed with construction of the store.

Morrison said he had recently been asked by a company representative for an update on the water tower project and said waiting for

see BIG BOX page 13



Belly-aching fun

The Lochlin Little Lassies sang a unique take on a Christmas classic, singing "The Twelve Days after Christmas," in which children complain about various things. The refrain, rather than a partridge in a pear tree, was "I have a belly ache." More photos on page 8./By Chad Ingram

Why charges were dropped at Dollo's

by CHAD INGRAM
 Times Staff

The Crown has thrown out shoplifting charges against three men who took bags of groceries from Dollo's IGA on Oct. 6 without paying.

The three are a part of a larger group that has been living in the county for the past couple of

months, practising what they call "spiritual economics."

The basis of this philosophy, according to the group's website, is that they are children of God and as such, have divine right to necessities of life such as food and shelter.

The group's philosophy and the fact shoplifting charges against the men have been dropped are not

sitting well with Brenda Barnett, the Dollo's cashier through whose till the men passed while claiming their divine inheritance from the Minden grocery store.

"They just said to me, 'We've got these groceries and we're not going to pay for them,'" Barnett said. "I was like, 'What?'"

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Barely no November snow

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to the Times

November was one of the better months of the year. No snow (only a few flakes) and much warmer than last November. We had heavy rain Nov. 19 and 20, just short a few drops of two inches, the rest was just showers and drizzle.

TRIVIA: As of December, 2009, this completes 60 years as weather observer to Transport Canada, Environment Canada and the *Minden Times*, I should retire!



The snow held off until December this year.

Average high: 8.2°C, 46.7°F
Average low: 0°C, 32.0°F
Average for the month: 4.1°C, 39.3°F
Average for last Nov. 2008: -1.2°C, 29.8°F
Highest temperature, Nov. 9: 17.0°C, 62.6°F
Lowest temperature, Nov. 12: -8.0°C, 17.6°F
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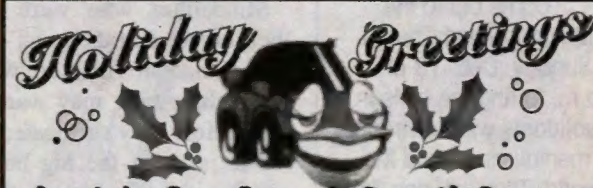
Man charged with drunk driving in Lochlin

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment charged a Peterborough man this past weekend after stopping his vehicle while conducting a RIDE program.

On Saturday, Dec. 5 at approximately 9:30 a.m. an officer from the Haliburton Highlands detachment stopped a vehicle in the area of County Road 1 and Lochlin Road. The officer had conversation with the driver who was given a roadside screening device test.

The driver was arrested after failing the test. He was then taken to the Haliburton Highlands detachment.

A 24-year-old man of Peterborough has been charged with driving over 80 mgs, breach of probation, failing to attend court and numerous Provincial Offences Act violations.



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Minden artist Marc Schroetter displays some of the handmade postcards he has received and will be sending to Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan as part of a project he started. Schroetter plans to continue to send postcards to Canadian troops so long as the country is fighting in Afghanistan. Photo by Chad Ingram

Postcards bring touch of artful cheer

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The presumably long, arduous and frightening days of Canadian soldiers serving in Afghanistan will hopefully be brightened by some hand-painted postcards being sent overseas thanks to a program started by a Minden artist.

Marc Schroetter, who owns the Crowne Gallery in Minden's downtown, first put out the call for people to submit postcards of Canadian landscapes last February.

As Schroetter explained, he'd read an article in the *New York Times* about how the Taliban, in their oppressive rule of Afghanistan, had also set out to kill art and culture in the country.

"The idea of how culture has

been destroyed during wars [gave me the idea]," he said.

Schroetter said he also wanted to keep soldiers in Afghanistan feeling connected to their country and give people here, young and old, a chance to explore their artistic abilities with the creation of their own landscape works of either coloured pencil or water-colour or acrylic paint.

"Everybody has a slant on a landscape," he said.

At first, Schroetter said submissions were slow.

"A lot of intimidation is that a lot of people think they are not creative," Schroetter said, explaining that he is not looking for postcards just from trained or professional artists, but from anyone.

Schroetter said he believes the creative spirit within us all is of-

ten quelled as people enter adulthood and said he really wanted the project to be an opportunity for grownups especially to express themselves artistically, while warming the hearts of others.

"You get something like this that somebody's done ... it's going to make you feel good," he said, holding up a postcard featuring a Haliburton-esque lake surrounded by trees, drawn in coloured pencil.

Schroetter has now received more than 130 postcards, not just from Haliburton residents, but also from people across Canada, some as far away as Vancouver.

"They're wonderful," he said, flipping through piles of postcards on his desk, pausing to pick up and show certain ones.

Some of the postcards were

done by people who obviously know their way around an easel, while others feature the colourful, rudimentary etchings that only children can create.

Many of the artists also wrote messages on the backs of their cards.

"The sun shines on us and we give it to you," read one, whose front showed an amber sunset over a lake.

"You're good, don't die," read another, in the clumsy printing of someone who probably hasn't been walking for all that long.

Last week, Schroetter was just getting ready to send the project's first crop of cards off in the mail.

He is hoping to reach as many as 4,000 and said he plans to continue collecting and sending postcards so long as Canadian

troops are in Afghanistan.

The Minden Legion is also involved in the project and will be the holder of a digital record of the postcards and their artists. Schroetter has been keeping. That way, if soldiers want to track down the person who made their postcard, they will be able to.

Cards should be done on four-by-six-inch postcard paper, which can be picked up at the Crowne Gallery. Schroetter said some water-colour artists have also been using a four-by-six-inch sheet of water-colour canvas.

Postcards can be dropped off at the gallery during business hours or mailed to P.O. Box 89, 115 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ont., K0M 2K0.

Remembering 20 years later

Crowd packs Carnarvon church to unite against violence

by JENN WATT
Editor

On Dec. 6, 1989, Nancy Brownsberger was sitting in her women's studies class in the engineering building at the University of Guelph, when police arrived at the classroom door.

"They said, 'you need to get off campus right now,'" Brownsberger recalls, exactly 20 years to the day, at a memorial ceremony at the Zion United Church in Carnarvon Sunday.

What she didn't know at the time was that a man in another engineering building

at another Canadian university had just finished murdering 14 women students simply because they were women.

For the next two years there wasn't one night class Brownsberger attended that didn't scare her. What if it happened again?

Brownsberger is now a social marketer for SIRCH in Haliburton, but has spent many of her years working in social services – exposing herself to the very worst that can happen to those marginalized by society. She worked with young female sex workers, with drug addicts, women of colour and the poor: all demographics

Jenn Watt/TIMES



Nancy Brownsberger shared her story with the group of about 60 people at Carnarvon's Zion United Church on the 20th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.

more likely to be victims of violence than the rest of society.

She saw how disrespected and abused women can be and she worked with those women to try to avoid dangerous situations. And then one of those situations came to her doorstep; Brownsberger's mentor, a woman named Nora, who worked at a Toronto halfway house was bludgeoned to death with a hammer in her own home by one of her clients.

There is nothing unique about Brownsberger's story.

"Every minute of every day a Canadian woman or child is sexually assaulted," Bob McKay, organizer of Sunday's event, told the packed church audience.

There are more cases of violence against women than cases of heart attack or stroke, he said.

In 1989, the murder of those 14 women at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal, was a harbinger of change. The country

was awakened to the very real epidemic of violence affecting nearly everyone in Canada.

Before Dec. 6, "violence was treated as a family matter, as a personal affair," McKay said.

That perspective changed, but it didn't change enough.

Those who are victims are kept in the shadows, away from view, out of mind. Perpetrators of violence are too often treated as anomalies, not part of a pattern of violence that can carry from generation to generation.

Audience members were invited to place roses in a basket in honour of the 14 killed in Montreal, for the women killed in Ontario this year and for the women killed by Robert Pickton in B.C.

Outloud Womyn's Voices sang a number of songs and the afternoon ended with refreshments served by group of volunteer men.

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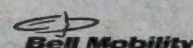
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Tom Dawson, owner of Gelert's Wintergreen Pancake Barn, talks to fellow members of the Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce at the December breakfast. The breakfast this month was held at the pancake barn and Dawson spoke about the need for small businesses to change and adapt if they are to succeed through economically trying times.

Photo by Chad Ingram

Business must innovate in hard economic times

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A talk about what small businesses need to do not only to survive, but to flourish in economically unstable times was on the menu at the Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce breakfast last week.

The chamber holds a breakfast for its members once a month and December's meal was held at the Wintergreen Pancake Barn, where owner Tom Dawson spoke about what it takes to run a successful small business in the recession.

"Diversity or die," Dawson said, paraphrasing from a book he's been reading about the art of keeping small businesses current.

Dawson said while he and wife Diane started Wintergreen as a maple syrup operation, the pancake barn itself, which includes two dining rooms and is sometimes used to host concerts and other events, has become the foundation on which their business is built.

"The maple syrup at this stage in the game is really the cherry on the sundae," he said.

While some businesses may have a more concentrated business model, Dawson said he likes to try incorporating different elements into his business in a sort of experiment to see what will be successful.

"My approach to business is a shotgun,"

he said. "I shoot in all kinds of directions and hope to hit something."

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association president Rosemary Vanstrien was the day's guest speaker and spoke briefly about heading into another sledding season and how it is the association's volunteers that keep the area's trails intact and the organization together.

"They have such pride in everything they do," Vanstrien said.

Spending a number of years in the London area, Vanstrien has acted as a president of snowmobile association in that part of the province.

However, Vanstrien said the volume of trails in Haliburton far exceeds that of Southern Ontario.

"I had no idea what I was getting myself into," she said. "The trail system is vast."

Vanstrien said the job of the association is no small one, since snowmobiling pumps approximately \$10 million into the county's economy each year.

"We've got a lot of responsibility on our hands," she said.

About 30 chamber members attended last week's breakfast. Three hundred and eleven businesses, or about half of those in the county, are chamber members, with 81 businesses joining in the last year.

MP Barry Devolin is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the chamber's January breakfast.

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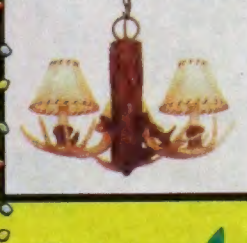






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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Remembering the massacre

DEC. 6 IS A SOMBRE DAY of remembrance for many Canadians and this year even more so on the 20th anniversary of what has been dubbed the Montreal Massacre.

A memorial tea in Carnvaron saw more than 60 attendees and presumably other similar events across the country saw bountiful turnouts.

To jog readers' memories, or for those readers who may be unaware, on Dec. 6, 1989, 25-year-old Marc Lepine stormed into an engineering class at Montreal's Ecole Polytechnique wielding a .22-calibre rifle.

Demanding that male students in the class leave the room, Lepine was reported to have shouted things like, "I just want the women," and "I hate feminists" before shooting and killing 14 female students and then killing himself.

While this horrendous slaughter was shocking and disturbing for its sheer pointless violence, what was even more disturbing and what has gripped the Canadian public ever since, is that it was a targeted attack against women.

The anniversary of the massacre is much more than a tribute to the women who lost their lives that day; it is a recognition of the unfortunate truth that even in a country like Canada, which loves to pride itself on being among the most progressive in the world, violence against women is alive and well.

Depending on the source one consults, somewhere between one in five and one in eight Canadian women will experience physical violence in their lifetimes, and some of these experience it on a regular basis.

All of us likely know at least one woman who suffered or still suffers abuse.

Let there be no mistake that men who abuse women, and those who even harbour sexist mindsets, are weak, petty and pathetic individuals.

While most of these men will never go the extreme that Lepine did, just that sexist mindset – that women are somehow less than men and deserve to be treated so – is dangerous and poisonous in itself.

While it could be argued that Canada has come a long way as far as women's rights are concerned, we obviously still have a long way to go.

Chad Ingram



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

First snow

Photo by Chad Ingram

\$3,000 fine for trail

A Toronto-area man has been fined \$3,000 for constructing a new section of trail on Crown land in the heart of the Haliburton Highlands.

Dudley Hookong pleaded guilty to building a trail on public land without a work permit in violation of the Public Lands Act.

Court was told that a conservation officer found a newly constructed portion of trail in June 2009. Further investigation revealed that Hookong had used a bulldozer to reroute an existing all-terrain vehicle and snowmobile trail around some difficult areas near his cottage at Koshlong Lake.

Justice of the Peace Diane Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on December 3, 2009.

The public is reminded that, under the Public Lands Act, a work permit is required to construct or alter a trail on public land. A permit ensures natural resources remain healthy and sustainable for generations to come.

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

An evolving story

YOU SAY YOU want some evolution? Well, we all want to save the birds...

A study in Germany is now suggesting that songbirds fed at household birdfeeders are evolving differently than their wild brothers and sisters.

The subsidized birds, we're told, have altered their migratory routes, which are now shorter and follow human settlement patterns, to take advantage of feeding stations along the way. Meanwhile, the wild strains continue to follow time-honoured migratory patterns and rely on the traditional foods such as fruit and seed. This might not seem like a big deal, but the study says that the feeder-fed birds are actually adapting to suit their new migration route – they now have more rounded wings, ideal for shorter migrations and better maneuverability, and longer, narrower bills, which prove handy at bird feeders and suet stations.

Worse still, though both groups are of the exact same species, they no longer breed to-

gether. The fascinating thing is that all these changes have happened in a relatively short time – since around 1959 when bird feeding became fashionable in Europe.

This just might explain a whole lot.

You see I grew up in a family where you never had to travel too far to find good food. At most, a quick visit to an aunt or cousin's house would ensure that you were well fed. That was my breed's traditional migratory pattern. As I got older, however, my travels led me to cheap fast food restaurants, sporting goods stores, duck blinds and deer camps. My route was generally shortened and over the years my form adapted to this.

Moreover, like all young men, during those formative years I met a few women who I found quite interesting. But, alas, they

followed completely different migratory patterns – ones that took them to fancy restaurants, chick flicks, health food stores, the gym, sophisticated cultural events and exorbitantly expensive boutiques. Because they maintained an air of wildness, they travelled in expensive sports cars that were more suited to their adaptations.

I, on the other hand, drove a Pinto.

In evolutionary terms, we were worlds apart. I see that now. And this, more than any-

thing explains why we never did breed.

Or speak, actually.

What a relief!

All these years I assumed that it had something to do with my awkwardness, looks, height, grooming, lack of success or really bad pick-up lines. Now I realize that I have no one to blame but

Darwin.

Still, I do wonder about all of this and whether it really does apply to my situation. I mean, in the end, despite vastly different migratory routes, I managed to find a woman who, many tell me, is much farther up the evolutionary ladder than I am. And this happened despite the fact that I still drive a crappy vehicle.

I guess all this proves is that nothing is as foolproof as we wish it were.

Take the theory of evolution itself. Some place their whole understanding in it. Others reject it because they seem to think it's incompatible with their religious beliefs. It's all in your interpretation. In this case, some will say this proves it is happening as we speak. And others will say this just proves evolution is just for the birds...

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BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Twenty-five gifts for the 25th

THE BROWN DOG JIGGS and I were been so busy squabbling these past few days, we barely had time to notice winter's arrival on Sapsucker Ridge.

Jiggs argues that no charity could be more important than one that gives shelter to homeless cats and dogs, but I am the one making a list of causes worthy of your attention in this season of giving.

So I'll start with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. It needs a big whack of money to fund an endowment for the 497 acres straddling the Burnt River it is in the process of acquiring.

The Trust thinks the Dahl Forest is important and so do I, but then each of the 24 other good causes on my list think they're important too and all of them are right. I'm letting personal bias be the tiebreaker.

To that, The Brown Dog says woof. He thinks Minden Emergency Animal Care, which has taken care of injured groundhogs as well as abandoned dogs and cats, should come first.

The animals are treated for what ails them. Then the groundhogs go back to the wild and new homes are found for the dogs and cats. To give a helping hand, call Brianna Elder, 286-2919.

If all 25 good causes are to fit in this col-

umn, there's scant room for details. If you want to know more, you'll have to make some phone calls.

The Dahl property acquisition is only a signature or two away from being a done deal, but the Trust needs at least another \$30,000 to fund the long-term costs of managing it.

The Land Trust has more than the Dahl Forest on its agenda as it works to preserve the county's natural heritage. Sheila Ziman, 754-2532.

Several other groups work hard for our great outdoors. Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association has its focus on improving wetlands and restocking lake trout here and in Muskoka. Marilyn Wooder, 457-9664.

Environment Haliburton protects and restores the Haliburton

Highlands through advocacy, education and action. Heather Ross, 488-2632.

Last fall the Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival enlightened 713 children from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Irene Heaven,

286-3181.

The Water Festival also is a major project of Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL), which works to provide environmental learning opportunities. Norm Thomas, 286-3323.

The John Howard Society has added

workshops on essential employment skills, such as how to dress for a job interview, to its focus on adult literacy. Sherry Harpell, 457-3430.

You can give books or magazine subscriptions to your branch of the Haliburton County Public Library, or help pay for interior furnishings at the new Minden and Haliburton libraries. Bessie Sullivan, 457-2241.

The annual Heritage Day run by the Stanhope Heritage

Discovery Museum attracted 1,000 visitors last summer. You can help fund that project or the museum itself. Betty Moffatt, 489-3021.

R.D. Lawrence Place needs support for its literary programs and help with preserving

its R.D. Lawrence collection. Sheryl Loucks, 286-2298.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation supports the arts on our side of the county with a focus on young people, sponsoring such events as the Newfangled Art Festival. Michael Fay, 286-3668.

The Minden Food Bank serves a shocking 216 families, up almost a third from a year ago, and there are bound to be more in 2010 in a territory that stretches from Oxtongue to Kinmount. You can donate food, cash, or, at this time of year, toys. Barb Walford-Davis, 489-1715.

Food For Kids provides school breakfasts and healthy snacks. Karen Phipps, 457-1311.

Point in Time for Children, Youth and Parents, formerly family services, buys Christmas gifts for teenagers, sends children to camp and runs an after-school recreation program in Minden. Marg Cox, 286-2191.

SIRCH Community Services runs programs to help at-risk families with parenting issues. It receives some public funding but also needs community support. Nancy Brownsberger, 457-1742.

SIRCH also helps folks deal with serious illnesses and offers a support group for caregivers dealing with dementia.

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BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Big year for Kinmount

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Linda-May Powers, 457-1742.

Community Care Haliburton County has 125 volunteers and 1,000 clients providing services to seniors as well as adults with disabilities. A new program, Home At Last, helps folks just out of hospital adjust to coming home. Hilary Elia, 457-2941.

Places for People is developing affordable rental housing in Haliburton County, beginning with two new three-bedroom apartments in Haliburton village's old Orange Lodge. More cash is needed to finish renovations. Fay Martin, 286-3668.

Women suffering from abuse in their homes and lives can receive free counselling services or find a safe haven at the YWCA Women's Centre. Daisy Downs, 286-1942.

Riverwalk has bridged the Gull River and Bat Lake Creek near the Clergy House as part of its walking trail. Now it's partway through replacing the benches along the trail and needs help with that. Laura Cunliffe, 286-1312.

The Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development has had a big year, celebrating the village's 150th anniversary and making major advances in the restoration of the Austin Saw Mill. Diane Austin, 488-2635.

Kinmount District Health Services Foundation is raising funds to equip the new doctor it is trying to recruit for the expanded Kinmount Medical Centre. Ted Wilkes, 488-2667.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation needs another \$200,000 to finish paying for the 70 stationary ceiling lifts that help get patients out of their beds and save nurses' backs in seniors' homes and hospitals in the county. Dale Walker, 286-1580.

Haliburton Highlands Grannies, with 60 members across the county, support the Stephen Lewis Foundation's work by helping African grandmothers raise AIDS orphans. Mickey Bonham, 286-2198.

HAVE, which started here and now has chapters across Canada, will drill 60 wells in rural India in each of the next three years with federal funding and private donations. Ron Reid, 489-2431.

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Christmas in Carnarvon



More than 100 women from the women's auxiliaries of various churches throughout Haliburton County gathered at Carnarvon's Zion United Church on Dec. 2 for their annual Christmas in Carnarvon celebration. As usual, the evening was full of music, costumes and hilarity. /Photos by Chad Ingram

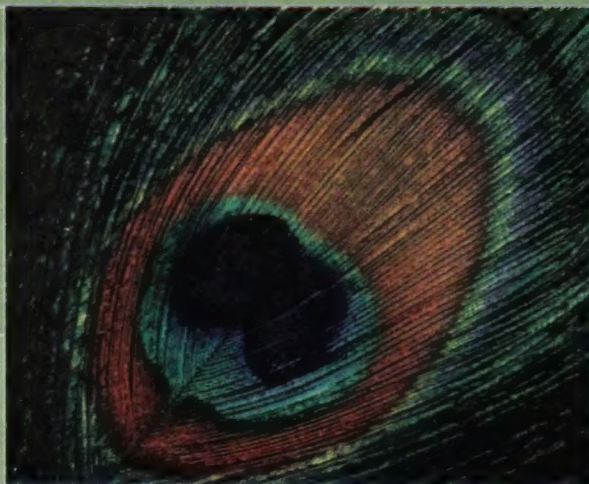
Above: Joseph and Santa go head to head in a send up of *Family Feud* by the women from Ingoldsby.



Right: The Tri-Vocals sang a rendition of "Honky the Christmas Goose," complete with sound effects.

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10, as amended.

APPLICATION FILE NO.: MV A43/2009
APPLICANT/OWNER: Tom Ferenac, Agent for Nikola Vrdoljak
PROPERTY LOCATION: Part Lot(s) 9, Concession 11, Township of Minden, Twelve Mile Lake

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION: Applicant is proposing to demolish and replace an existing legal non-complying dwelling unit in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone that is constructed closer to the side yard than permitted. It is also constructed closer to the high water mark than permitted and will be larger than permitted. The following variances are requested:

1. From Section 5.2, Table 2 - required side yard setback is 4.5m; existing is 2.49m (8'2") and replacement will be 2.49m (no change) but a variance of 2.01m; and
2. From Section 5.2, Table 2 - required front yard setback is 23m (75'4"); existing is 19.99m (65'6") and replacement will be 23m (no change) but a variance of 3.01m; and
3. From Section 4.7.4 v) - 17.2% to increase the coverage of the legally non-complying building by more than the 25% permitted.

HEARING DATE: Monday, December 21, 2009

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
Milne Street
Minden, Ontario

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

FAILURE TO ATTEND HEARING - If you do not attend at the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection during normal office hours at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills

Dated this 9th day of December, 2009.

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Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment

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Enrolment forms are available from the Township Office or on our website at www.mindenhills.ca

RIVERWALK pathway loop will not be maintained from October 1st to May 1st. Users will do so "at their own risk" and pathway could be slippery. Council, at their Council meeting on November 26, 2009, instructed that the Loggers' Crossing Bridge will be open for public use during the winter months - please use caution.

NOTICE

Please visit www.mindenhills.ca (Elections tab) for complete up-to-date notices from the Township on the upcoming Municipal Election 2010.

**IN THE EVENT OF A TOWNSHIP RELATED EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS,
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MEETINGS & EVENTS

Dec 10 Council 9 a.m. - Council Chambers
Dec 15 Fire Fighters Food Drive (Door to Door)
Dec 24 - 4 Admin office Closed
Jan 4 Admin office Open
Jan 14 Committee of the Whole 9 a.m. Council Chambers
Jan 14 Official closing of Time Capsule at the Minden Hills Library @ 2:00 p.m.

For a complete list of regular 2010 COTW/General Committee & Council Meeting dates visit
www.mindenhills.ca (Council)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Official Time Capsule Closing at the Minden Library on Thursday, January 14th, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

NOTICE

Work commenced on the new Clergy Creek Bridge the week of December 7th, 2009. Please use caution around construction area and equipment.



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Holiday Hours
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For more information contact museum curator, Carol Simmons at 286-3154 or email museum@mindenhills.ca.

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Sneh Chakraburty is published internationally and will be introducing her books on healthy living at R.D. Lawrence Place. Book sales go to the Chinmaya charity. For more information, email rdlawrenceplace@mindenhills.ca.

For more information on any of these events go to www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call 705-286-2808

Township of Minden Hills Offices Holiday Hours of Operation

Minden Hills Municipal Office-7 Milne St.

Open December 21st to 23rd, 2009
Closed December 24th to January 4th, 2010
Re-open January 4th, 2010

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Closed December 19, 2009, 5pm
Re-open January 5, 2010.

LANDFILL SITES/TRANSFER STATIONS

Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day - otherwise, regular winter dates and times will apply.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Township's Procedural By-law, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills will hold its regular Council Meeting on December 10th, 2009, 9am. There is no Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting held in December.

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All interested parties must submit their completed Application (available at the Township office or at www.mindenhills.ca) in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "RENTAL APPLICATION - 2 PRINCE STREET, MINDEN" to the Township of Minden Hills

Attention: Peter Brown, Environmental & Property Operations Manager
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Jeanne Anthon

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By the looks of things, all this cat wants for Christmas is to attack the camera.



Santa Claus with some miniature horses.

Santa goes to the dogs... and cats and horses

On Saturday, Dec. 5, the Minden Emergency Animal Care team held its first "pet photos with Santa" Christmas fundraiser. Several dozen four-legged

celebrants, including a miniature horse, cozied up to Santa while their "people" could only imagine Christmas wish lists overflowing with new rawhides, balls,

collars, treats and well wishes for their less fortunate brethren.

MEAC was established in 2007 by a group of concerned residents to assist sick and injured animals in the Minden area. Too many abandoned and injured pets were left to suffer and die alone due to a lack of facilities in the county. In order to keep the program running, MEAC relies on funds raised through its annual pet photo calendar contest, summer "Wuffstock" celebration (dog and car wash), photos with Santa and donations from generous animal lovers.

MEAC's 2010 calendars are now available at a variety of locations. They make

wonderful stocking stuffers and all proceeds go directly to helping abandoned, sick and/or injured animals. MEAC members can be contacted through their website at <http://www.meac2007.com> or by calling 705-286-1302 for general inquiries. There is always a need for volunteers and financial assistance to help alleviate the suffering of sick and injured animals, and to find them loving homes once they are healthy. Anyone finding an animal that is sick and/or injured and in need of medical attention can call MEAC's emergency number 705-286-4971.

Article and photos submitted by MEAC

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Minden awards its best at banquet



At Minden Hills's Christmas dinner and dance on Dec. 4, Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell, left, was presented with a certificate by Reeve McMahon for his 20 years of service with the fire department. /Photo by Laura Cunliffe



The Times's own Molly McInerney, second from right, was awarded the Gordon A. Monk Award for volunteerism for her work with Minden's sesquicentennial committee and Rotary Club. Presenting the award are Councillor Lisa Schell, left, Donna Monk and Councillor Peter Oyler. /Photo by Laura Cunliffe

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Political act wasted time, grocer says

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Barnett said the men then told her they would be waiting outside if she wanted to call the police.

A YouTube video, which was apparently filmed by a cohort in a vehicle in the Dollo's parking lot, shows the men waiting for several minutes outside the store, with Barnett coming out to speak to them before the police arrive and arrest them, taking them away in cruisers.

Barnett said she was disappointed to learn the Crown had decided to throw out the shoplifting charges against the men.

"Shoplifting is shoplifting," she said.

However, the men never made off with the food. The groceries were returned to the store after the police showed up.

"They were not sellable," said store general manager Jaime Dollo. "We have no way of knowing what they might have done to them."

Dollo, who had left the store just before the incident, didn't seem upset or angry about the strange occurrence or the fact the Crown had the shoplifting charges dismissed for not serving any public interest.

"The biggest thing is they just wasted a bunch of people's time," Dollo said, adding that his staff members, the police and the court all had more important things to do than deal with the group, whose members, by all accounts, are completely non-violent.

Six members of the group are now facing unrelated charges of occupying a dwelling on Kennisis Lake Road in early November.

The group appeared in Minden court last week, but another date has been set for January.

No members of the group would answer questions from the *Times*.

Big box store confirms it will wait for water tower before beginning construction

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the water tower to be constructed would mean "substantial dollar savings" for the company, since it would not have to build its own water reservoir at the store site.

Work on the water tower project is set to begin in January, Morrison said, with the installation of a service road and sewer-line up the hill known as Mount Minden. It will be the site of a 22.5-metre tall, 16.5-metre wide water tower with a capacity of 1,500 cubic metres, which Morrison said would be completed at the very earliest by November 2010.

Two thirds of the estimated \$2-million project is being paid for by the provincial and federal governments through the Building Canada Fund.

Morrison said a letter and update on the water tower project from the township has

been sent to the company and said he was told by his contact there that she would forward the letter to her supervisor, who would forward it to the board of directors, the company's decision-making body.

Oyler pointed out that the company had decided to set up shop in Minden long before the township learned it would be receiving funds for the water tower.

The store is to be located on the former Brown Owl Restaurant property on the corner of Highway 35 and Water Street. The restaurant was recently knocked down and grading work has been done to flatten to the property.

A representative for Canadian Tire confirmed to the *Times* on Tuesday that the company will wait for the water tower before proceeding with store construction.



Honouring a life

This bench was dedicated in memory of Melvin Zwaig who spent eight years of dedicated service with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. The bench is located at Minden Health Care and Hospital Services for patients, donors and staff to enjoy.

From left: Lisa Tompkins, Don Popple, Marg Fielding, David Zilstra, Steve Todd, Hugh Nichol, Jim Mitchell, Peter Oyler.

Seated: Marilynne Robertson, Dale Walker.

Haliburton County Home Builders Association 14th Annual Christmas Toy & Food Drive



**Last Date
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Dec. 19, 2009**

Drop locations are Moose FM, Curry Motors Ltd., Cordell Carpet, V&S Stedman's Haliburton, Minden Home Hardware, Minden LCBO and Trails & Tours office in Carnarvon. Call in advance to the Home Builders Office 457-2629, to arrange for pick up and delivery of your toys to the 4 C's workshop.

Thanks to the fifty plus companies who collected gifts during the toy drive last year these gifts and many more were delivered throughout the county.

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Safe drinking water gets pricey

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Ensuring Minden Hills's drinking water meets provincial standards is about to become more expensive for the township.

At a Nov. 26 meeting, councillors were visited by Andre Ouelette and Jake Doran of the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) who explained that under the province's Safe Drinking Water Act, the township is required to create and maintain quality management systems for its water infrastructure.

In Minden's case, this means creating plans for Minden's main water system as well as the system at Lutterworth Pines.

The operational plans, which must be approved by the environment ministry, must be submitted by March 1, 2010.

"Cha-ching, cha-ching," said Councillor Peter Oyler. "Guess who pays for it?"

Oyler said the township could thank their friends at the provincial level for the downloading of another cost to the municipal tier.

According to a report from township environmental and property operations manager Peter Brown, the cost for setting up plans for both systems will cost approximately \$9,000, which he has included in his 2010 budget.

Ouelette said it would likely cost the municipality another eight to \$16,000 every three years for audits of the systems. There are also maintenance fees that could range from \$2,500 to \$3,500 a year, he said.

OCWA is the operating authority for Minden Hills's water and wastewater systems and it was recommended by Brown that the township retain the services of OCWA for the creation of the plans.

Ouelette said he would be willing to negotiate costs.

Councillor Barb Reid wanted to know what it would take for the township to become certified as its own operating authority, which Brown said was a possibility.

That would require hiring another fulltime staff person at a cost of at least \$35,000 a year to the township, which he didn't believe to be feasible.

Councillors accepted Ouelette and Doran's presentation as information and Oyler said he wanted to discuss the matter further in closed session following the regular meeting.

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Algonquin Highlands sees large number of building permit offences

Last year there were only two

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Some residents of Algonquin Highlands are apparently not big fans of building permits.

A bylaw occurrence report for October from township chief building official Don Kidd showed 10 incidents of building without a permit, bringing the total for the year to 23.

Throughout the entire year of 2008, two people were discovered building without permits in Algonquin Highlands.

Kidd said last week he really couldn't guess what had resulted in the huge spike in people building without permits.

"I hate to speculate," he said.

Kidd said the projects run the gamut from sheds, to decks, to additions on homes.

"That always amazes me," he said, explaining he finds it

hard to believe that people think they can add whole new sections to their homes without the township noticing.

While he said some people do seem unaware they require permits for certain building projects, Kidd said he thought most were just hoping they wouldn't get caught.

Some cases have even involved professional builders.

"Those guys should know better," he said.

As Kidd explained, something as simple as new windows, depending on their size, can require a building permit and he suggested the best thing for residents to do is contact the township before they start any sort of renovation project.

People caught building without permits are simply asked to purchase the permits they should have in the first place and almost all comply, Kidd said.

For those who wish to make the issue a legal one, Kidd said that the first conviction for building without a permit can cost \$50,000.



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Places for People on course

by TERRANCE GAVAN
Times Staff

The real sign of a just society is its ability to provide safe, affordable housing to those who really need it.

Here in cottage country, bumped as we are against the effusive edge of opulence and million-dollar cottages, it's easy to forget that Haliburton Highlands has the lowest per capita income of any area in the province of Ontario.

Residents working two and three minimum wage seasonal jobs are finding it increasingly hard to catch a break in the cutthroat rental housing market in the Highlands.

Nice then to know that a group like Places for People Haliburton County is hard at work addressing the very real need for low income housing in the area.

Last summer, Places for People bought a small house on George Street in Haliburton, with the intention of retrofitting it into two three-bedroom apartments. Today the project is nearing completion, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers and workers who have been jumping all over the project since the renovations began last summer.

Heather Reid, the Places for People board member in charge of procurement and acquisitions, was effusive last Friday as she showed a photographer around the premises, which used to house a dance studio, and is now rapidly morphing into a lovely pair of apartments: one in the basement and the other on the main floor.

Terrance Gavan/TIMES



Heather Reid works on-site at the George Street, Haliburton affordable housing property. It is projected to open by February, 2010.

"Two families selected from our application process are due to take occupancy Feb. 1," said Reid, who was busy hauling wood from one end of the basement premises to the other, while four workers continued to bang, chop and hammer walls, floors and joists into place.

"We have a core group of 10 to 12 who are coming two days a week, and some are coming in five days a week," Reid explains. "And then outside of that I'd say there are another 20 or 25 people who have come off and on. We're aiming for both apartments to be ready by the beginning of February."

Last Friday afternoon, job supervisor and general contractor Doug Aldworth

was busy raising some walls in the upstairs apartment while Lee Train, Danny Barrand and Chris Nicholls kept busy laying down the floors on the bottom floor apartment.

"Doug is our general contractor and he's here every day, and Lee Train and Dan Slote are volunteers and they're both retired plumbers so they've been doing the plumbing and they're here every day to do what needs to be done," says Reid.

She says that they form the core group, but adds that none of this would have been possible without the gracious support of volumes of volunteers, contractors and local businesses.

Reid says that it's been up to Aldworth

to coordinate the many helpers that have offered their services over the past six months. "Doug has been doing a great job working with volunteers," says Reid.

Aldworth says that he's enjoying every facet of this job.

"I've been on a lot of projects where I've worked with a lot of skilled and unskilled people," says Aldworth. "This project has been challenging in terms of the work and the labor pool. I've really enjoyed it and I try to match people with the jobs. So far it's been working and I think everybody has left here with a positive experience and I've really enjoyed working with some phenomenal help." Reid urges all people interested in contributing or look-

County staff to fill in after Trails and Tours folds

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The county will be relying on its own resources and staff for the promotion and maintenance of Haliburton County's trails after the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network goes out of business at the end of the year.

After a decade of promoting the county's trails, the non-profit organization announced last month that it would be shutting down operations at the end of the calendar year. Members of the county's economic development committee discussed

just what the county would do in lieu of the network's services last week.

"A like organization should cost nothing... essentially," county economic director Bob Smith told committee members.

The county had funded the Trails and Tours Network to the tune of \$43,000 a year and the organization, which included three fulltime staff members, had also received funding from the province.

Smith said relegating promotion of the county's trails system to county staff and upkeep to the county's roads department should not mean any expense increases for the municipality.

"It has to be sustainable," Smith said. "The goal of this is not to achieve another staff person."

Some user groups such as the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and the Haliburton ATV Association also assist with maintaining trails.

Dysart et el Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested that the county's chamber of commerce should be contacted to see if it would be willing to help with trail promotion.

The network's executive director, Sam Davies, told councillors last month the organization is closing because it has be-

come essentially obsolete.

A number of committees – such as the organizing committees for Haliburton's Glebe Park and Minden's Riverwalk – grew out of the organization, but Davies said last month there is no longer need for an umbrella organization to oversee them.

The county's economic development committee is currently working on creating a new committee to oversee the Haliburton County Rail Trail, after council dissolved the old committee for its ineffectiveness earlier this year.



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Books and hobbies on W.I. agenda

MINDEN W.I. President, Pam Rolfe

The Minden Women's Institute met at the home of Clara on the 18th, 13 members were present to answer the roll call "A favourite book or hobby." A wide variety of interests were shown in the type of book described by each member, favourite authors were mentioned too. History, biographies, travel, mysteries, politics and science fiction. One member told how much she enjoyed Beatrix Potter as a child, Enid Blyton was also mentioned by another member. Members also mentioned how much they had enjoyed handcrafts such as quilting, embroidery, knitting and sewing during their lives.

The secretary and treasurer read their reports and the card convenor reported 21 cards had been sent since September.

The president conducted a quiz about the provinces and their capitals, our newest province Nunavut made us think hard, but we were able to name it.

Del reported on the current events of the county, she does a great job and keeps us all informed.

Hannah was the convenor for November, business and industry, and she demonstrated scrapbooking and card making. She had taken some beautiful photographs

around the county and demonstrated how to make them into greeting and letter cards.

The president read a couple of pieces "On guard for Canada" which tied in with our thoughts of Remembrance Day. She also had her thought for the day. "Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once"

We sang Grace and lunch was served by Clara, Hannah and Del while we visited back and forth.

Our Christmas potluck lunch will be held at the United Church on Dec. 9 at 11.30 a.m. For information call Pam at 754-2564 or Mary 286-1158.



Winter wonderland

It will seem easier to welcome the Christmas season with the recent snowfall and colder temperatures.
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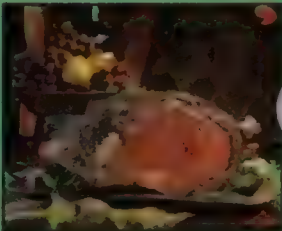
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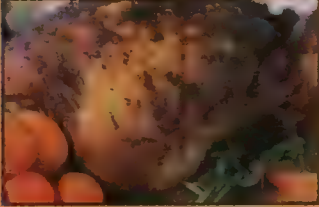
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Photos by Angelica Blenich



Children took part in a variety of games throughout the afternoon.



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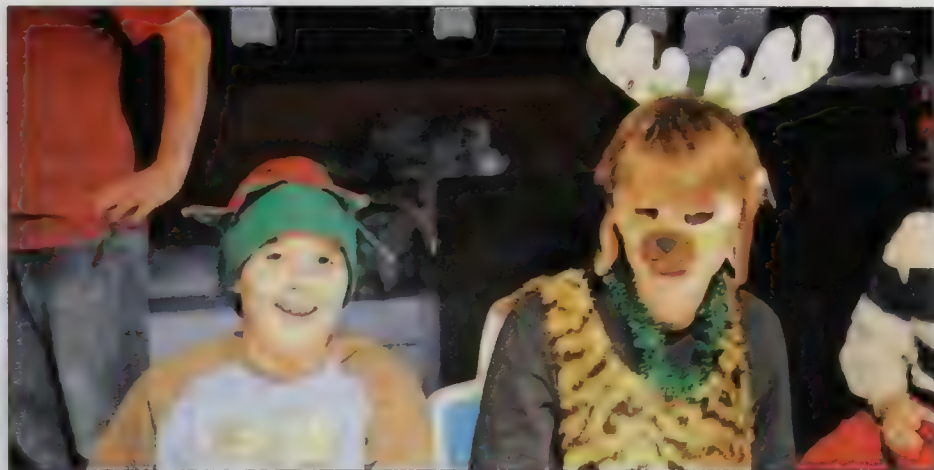


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Figure skater Mikayla O'Neill, 5, prepares to bowl a strike in her festive ensemble.



Participants at the bowlathon were all smiles amid the festive costumes to be had at the event.

Figure skaters hit the lanes to bowl up funds

Photos by Angelica Blenich

The Haliburton Figure Skating Club gave their skates a break and tied up some bowling shoes as they hosted their first ever bowlathon on Dec. 5 at the Fast Lane in Minden. The event was held to help raise much-needed funds to cover the organization's programs and ice fees. The club hopes to make the bowlathon a yearly event with all profits going to support ice skating initiatives. This year's event raised a total of \$1,100 through pledges, donations, team registration and a 50/50 draw.

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Brooke Stevenson, 11, is at home keeping score.

HHSS gets 'in the spirit' with holiday talent show

by KATRINA CHEVDUKAS
Co-op student

Christmas is almost here and this year a large group of students at the local high school are showing the true meaning of Christmas. Elke Zilla's Grade 11 class in conjunction with HHSS Fine Arts Department is putting together a talent showcase called "In the Spirit" on Dec. 16 at the Northern Lights Pavilion at 7 p.m.

For three years, Zilla has been putting on tribute shows but this year's show has a bit of a different spin. For the first time, Zilla and her Grade 11 students decided that after all the expenses are paid, the rest of the profits would go to community services and/or the food bank.

"Usually it all goes back into the department but we changed our minds," Zilla said. "It's been a hard year and it is also right before Christmas."

The performances are in support of a character education incentive called Class Acts. These showcases of artistic and inspirational tributes are intended to enhance feelings of spiritual community, appreciation, humour and celebration in the spirit and preparation of the New Year ahead.

"We had a huge response this year," Zilla said.

More than 30 students are expected to be performing: acts from juggling to air guitar battles to dancing and skits. Teachers from the high school are also involved

with the showcase.

"I think it's really great for the community," Stuart Locke said after being asked what he thought about the idea of the showcase.

"It brings the student body together. We have kids performing together who wouldn't normally hang out. Tributes has always been a good event, but with so many entries this year and with such variety I think it really is going to something great," he said.

Also, this year the Grade 11 drama class is producing a Theatre in Education Incentive called Class Acts. These encompass a series of plays that raise awareness through theatre to student issues such as bullying and alcohol abuse.

The class hopes to present their docudrama to other community school and festival competitions. The docudrama is entitled Under the Influence and all of the skits are based on true stories. At the showcase you will be able to get a preview to the docudrama.

In the front lobby there will be a raffle and student artwork will be on display.

Zilla is hoping to put on another talent showcase in the spring of 2010 with a series of skits representing the last 10 years from her Grade 12 drama class.

Tickets to the Christmas Talent Showcase are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults.



Johnna Hutchings, pictured in blue, and Jessica Bishop, pictured in black and gold, strut their stuff while practicing the "Waltz of the Flowers," for this weekend's performance of The Nutcracker at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Cranberry Cottage and Pharmasave.

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Hawks undefeated after 7-1 win over Kenner

by TERRANCE GAVAN
Times Staff

Yogi Berra was once asked what set the New York Yankees apart from other teams in the American League.

"We have deep depth," answered Berra.

Now Berra has borne much scorn for his egregious abuse of the English language over the years.

But this time, I think, he got it just right. Remember that Berra spent a lot of time behind the plate staring back at the likes of Maris, Mantle, Martin and DiMaggio.

No question. That's deep depth.

The Hal High hockey team appears blessed with a similar retinue of player potential this season.

Last Tuesday afternoon the Red Hawks hopped on a bus to Peterborough, and a date with Kenner High, just 17 hours after a game versus Holy Cross at Dysart Arena - which they won 8-1 - on Monday night.

It's an unusual scheduling anomaly, but something that the Hawks accepted with equanimity.

In other words, they shrugged off the tepid turnaround, and used their huge wall of talent to great advantage.

The Red Hawks, led by some timely and crucial penalty killing and a sparkling three line attack, beat the Kenner Rams 7-1, solidifying their hold on first place overall in the Kawartha Hockey League (KHL), and pushing their seasonal record to a

perfect 5-0.

The Hawks boast an incredible 34-4 goals for and against over those five games.

And talk about deep pockets.

The Red Hawks currently locate six players in the top 10 of the scoring standings. Ashton Haley is the KHL scoring leader with four goals, eight assists and 12 points.

Occupying fifth through ninth spot are Brandon Yake, Ian Bottum and Scott Griffith with nine points apiece, and Brett Yake and Mark Vasey who each have eight points.

This is clearly a team poised to do some damage this year.

Keaton Gadway scored twice and added an assist, in the win over Kenner.

Brandon Yake had a goal and two assists, while Kevin Nelson, Greg Clements, Bottum, and Brett Yake scored a goal apiece. Griffith led the helper parade with three assists, while Cole Rowden, Carson Roberts and Vasey each added an assist to round out the Hawk scoring.

St. Peter's Saints, one of four AAA school playing in the Kawartha league, is the only other unbeaten team with a 4-0 record. The AA schools play against the four large enrolment schools in the regular season round robin, but at season's end, the 10 AA schools part company with the AAA clubs for the Kawartha playoffs.

Head coach Ron Yake refused to channel his inner Yogi Berra, and went with the more traditional non-redundant depth gambit in his post-game analysis.

"Again our depth was noticeable," said Yake in an interview

on Wednesday afternoon at the Hal High gym.

"It was 1-1 going into the second period and they had a five-on-three situation that we stopped," said Yake. "And then they had a five on four and we stopped that, and then right after that we scored. And that I think was a turning point. It really turned it around for us."

Yake added that right after his penalty kill squads had done their job, the Hawks clicked on three goals in the space of 65 seconds. After that, Yake said, it was just a question of playing some kitty bar the door and making sure they kept the crease clear for goalie Alex Monk Cray who earned his third win of the season.

"They had three or four really good players and they could play with us when those guys were on the ice," said Yake. "When they weren't on the ice we took over."

He added that thus far into the season, all three Hawk lines have managed to share the load.

Last Tuesday a whole new set of bodies contributed the bulk of the pop.

"The line of Scott Griffith, Brandon Yake and Keaton Gadway played very well," said Yake. "They had a strong game and that was nice to see. And that's what's happening. I think that as the season goes on we're noticing that it's not a one-line team. There's a lot happening and we're going to be hard to defend against."

We have four strong defenseman and three lines that are all very strong and are all capable of scoring in any given situation. That's definitely our strong point."

The Red Hawks don't play again until this Thursday when they travel to Whitby for a weekend tournament.

On Monday, December 14, the Hawks host Clarke Raiders - that's a 7:15 start at Dysart Barn - and they travel to Cobourg West Vikings for an afternoon encounter on Thursday Dec 17.

"We're going to continue to work on the power-play and penalty killing," said Yake. "We're having fun and it's certainly an encouraging start."

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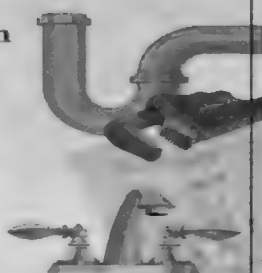
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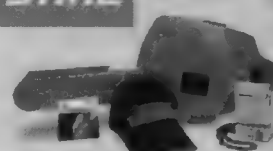
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Devolin joins PM Harper in Korea

Local MP Barry Devolin will depart Vancouver on Friday to join Prime Minister Stephen Harper for his official visit to South Korea. Devolin will arrive in Seoul Saturday afternoon, and has several meetings planned with Korean officials Saturday evening and Sunday. The prime minister will arrive from his official visit to China on Sunday evening. On Monday, Devolin will accompany the prime minister for a full day of meetings, receptions and site visits. Senator Yonah Martin (Conservative - B.C.) will also accompany Prime Minister Harper. Martin, who was born in Korea, was appointed to the Senate last December. Devolin and Martin are co-chairs of the Canada Korea Interparliamentary Group. Devolin has also served as government liaison with the Korean community since 2006. "People in the riding might not know this, but from 1996 to 1998, Ursula and I lived in South Korea where I taught English as a second language at the Busan University of Foreign Studies," said Devolin. "Ursula and I had a great experience in Korea, and we still have friends there. When asked by the Prime Minister, I was honoured to bring my knowledge to the table to promote Canada's agenda with Korea."

"Over the past three years, I have worked on many issues between our two countries, including reopening the Korean market to Canadian beef and working to find a solution for North Korean refugees apprehended in China. Most recently, the issue dominating our bilateral agenda is the G-20 meeting that will be co-hosted by Canada and Korea in Ontario in June." Devolin's 56-hour visit to Korea will end Monday at midnight, when he will fly back to Ottawa with the prime minister on a Canadian Forces Airbus aircraft.

Submitted by the office of Barry Devolin

Eleven wrestlers in top four

HHSS BRIEFS

Redhawks Results

The following sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's class.

Nov. 26

The Red Hawks wrestling team competed at an Ajax tournament where they posted some impressive results. Eleven of our athletes placed in the top four of their weight classes. Congratulations to Tanner Hamilton and Cody Withey for their bronze medal finishes, and Lily Coneybeare with a silver medal. Coming home with gold medals were Mike Mazara, Cole Stamp, Kaily Schell and Christianna Walker.

Nov. 27

In senior boys' basketball action, the Hawks trounced Gravenhurst 57-36.

Adam van Nood had 16 points, Luke Watson, 11, and Caleb Zilla, nine. Justin Levely was chosen as player of the game with eight points, two steals and two assists.

Nov. 30

The Red Hawks hockey team took the wind out of the Hurricanes from Holy Cross with seven first-period goals in Kawartha high school hockey action.

The final score was Red Hawks 8, Holy Cross 1.

Dec. 1

The junior boys' basketball team lost to St. Thomas by a score of 58-41.

The senior boys' basketball team lost by a one-point margin to St. Thomas. Luke Watson led all scorers with

nine points.

The senior girls' volleyball team dominated St. Thomas and Port Hope and split a set with Cobourg West, placing third in the tournament. Great serves by Rachel Burk, Hillary Hawley, and Jenna Dibblee, excellent hits by Alyssa Hobden, and stellar setting by Victoria Chaulk and Kirsii Parnoja.

The Red Hawks hockey team improved their record to five wins and zero losses after defeating the Kenner Rams by a score of 7-1. Strong goaltending from Alex Monk Cray.

Dec. 2

The junior Red Hawks basketball team played well but came up short against a strong Fenelon Falls team.

The junior girls' volleyball team competed in their first tournament of the season where they demonstrated improvement in each set throughout the day. The team put it together against AA rival Brock, defeating them two straight by scores of 25-12 and 25-15.

The Red Hawks wrestling team travelled to Peterborough to compete in a tournament, where overall the team had a winning day. Earning fourth place were Drew Paul and Kanisha White. Bronze medalists were Liz Toth and Sasha White. Silver medalists were Jacob Outram, Kayla Gardiner, Caitlin Griffin, and Quinn Schell. Gold medal champions Tara O'Sullivan and Bailey Walker remained undefeated throughout the day.

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Highland Storm Atom AE Silver Stick champions

by KARINA CROFTS
Special to the Times

What an exciting weekend of hockey! Good hockey played by all teams involved. The Highland Storm Atom AEs played like a well-oiled machine, moving fast, fore-checking, back-checking and passing the puck to create plays. In their three round robin games on Saturday, the Storm obtained the most number of points (five per game) available for an un-

matched total of 15.

With three games Saturday and two Sunday it is too difficult to mention all the points obtained by every player, but I would like to mention that our goalie, Anthony Bertucca had three shutouts and only allowed three goals against in the five games.

Our last game on Sunday for the championship was against Acton.

The Storm won 4-2 becoming the champions and Acton the finalist.

The Storm will move on to play in Niagara, we believe Jan. 7 in the continuation of the International Silver Stick competition.

We would like to thank and mention the other teams that were involved in making this tournament a success: Lincoln, Dundas, Oro, Thorold, Prince Edward County and Norwood.

We would like to thank Merrill Barry for his donation to our team, our sponsors The Pepper Mill, Cherylann and Rachel for their daylong assistance at the raffle table, Tony, Cole, Mack, Tom and Melanie Prentice for insuring the change rooms were clean.

Thanks to Brian MacMillan for attending our tournament, Wade MacInnes for

his organization of the tournament and answering my endless questions.

Thanks also to the officials, the time-keeper Eric and the arena staff.

All the other people who offered their help, but mostly to our bench staff for getting our team to play to their potential. We are thrilled and proud of our boys!

Bench Staff: Jim O'Neill (coach), Peter Dobie (assistant coach), Kev Crofts Jr. (trainer) and Greg Turner (assistant trainer). And, of course, our team: Anthony Bertucca, Jake Bull, Greg Crofts, Jack Dobie, Jacob Haedicke, Carter O'Neill, Devyn Prentice, Ryan Prentice, Owen Smith, Trevor Turner and Alex Wilbee.

Congratulations!

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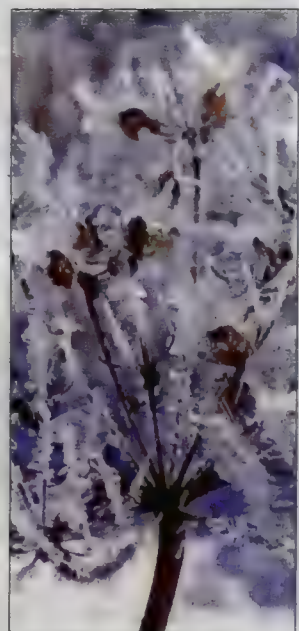
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Hawks beat Bulldogs

Hal High Red Hawk forward Damon Flatman is mugged on his way to the basket in Kawartha high school basketball action at the Hawk's nest yesterday (Dec 8). The Hawks beat Brock Bulldogs 41-29 led by Flatman who scored 19 points. Zach Cox had 10 and Andrew Murray (#12 pictured below) had 6 points. Below Andrew Murray pops for two on a mini-sky-hook during a 54-28 loss to Fenelon Falls Falcons last Wednesday afternoon in Haliburton. Flatman led all scorers with 20 points in the loss to Fenelon Falls.



Justin Levely (pictured above) soars high above the fray during Kawartha senior basketball league action last Wednesday afternoon at the Hawk's nest. The seniors fell 43-24 to the Fenelon High Falcons and the hot hand of the Falcons Jordan McAlpine who led all scorers with 20 points in the game. At left, Red Hawks senior forward Chris Judge keeps one eye on the ball and another on his man as he boxes hard in the lane against a Falcon opponent.

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The Council of the County of Haliburton will hold the annual Inaugural Session at 7:00 p.m. on December 15th, 2009.

Further, a Special Budget meeting is scheduled to take place on December 16, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Meetings are convened in the County Council Chambers located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden.

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk
County of Haliburton

Red Hawk wrestlers on track

Future looks good

by PAUL KLOSE
Special to the Times

The Red Hawk Wrestling Team began its competitive season last week with two tournaments.

Haliburton wrestlers had respectable results at each.

Coaches Klose and Fockler are pleased with the athletes' performances this early in the season. In particular,

the junior wrestling team is showing great potential.

Rookie wrestlers had solid matches this week - the future looks good for Red Hawk wrestling.

Kenner Tournament (Dec. 2)

Gold Medallists - Tara O'Sullivan, Bailey Walker

Silver Medallists - Jacob Outram, Kayla Gardiner, Caitlyn Griffin, Quinn Schell

Bronze Medallists - Liz Toth, Sasha White

Ajax Tournament (Dec. 3)

Gold Medallists - Kaily Schell, Christianna Walker, Mike Mazara, Cole Stamp

Silver Medallists - Lily Coneybeare, Greg Baumgartner

Bronze Medallists - Tanner Hamilton, Cody Withey

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Christianna Walker pins an opponent on the way to a gold medal.



Zane Zondervan pins his opponent.

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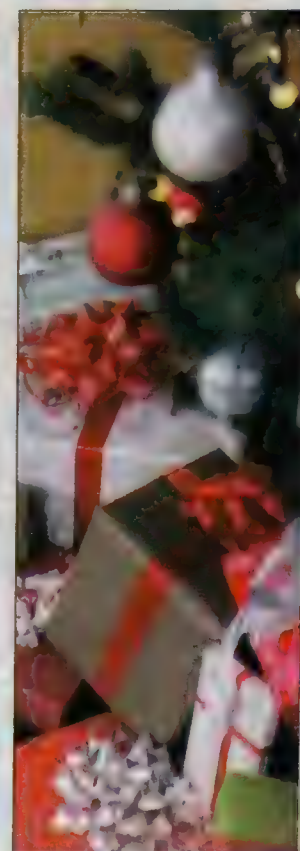
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On Thursday evening as we rounded the last curve coming into Kinmount for the tree lighting a magical scene opened up before us. In the early evening darkness the river danced and sparkled as it made its way past the historic sawmill and along the Heritage Park shoreline. In the background multi-coloured swaths of holiday lights outlined rooftops and porches. I could not help but think that someone driving through our village for the first time that night would leave with a special feeling of what small-town Ontario means to its residents and why they choose to make it their home. A made-for-television movie staged in a rural setting could not have been prettier.

On arriving we found a great crowd already gathered by the bonfire outside the railway station waiting for the lights on the Christmas tree to come aglow. Part of the Lights Across Canada program this was also another way to celebrate the sesquicentennial year for Kinmount. Every year the Hill family has kindly donated a beautiful evergreen to be decorated for Christmas but this special year they planted a living tree that will continue to grow as will our town. Accompanied by bells and carols, Santa arrived and reminded everyone to come out at 2 p.m. next Sunday, Dec. 13 when he plans to return in style for his parade along Main Street and then up the hill to the Legion. At the hall there will be refreshments and other surprises for the children. Appreciation for this annual event goes to its co-sponsors the Royal Canadian Legion branch 441 and the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development. As well thank you to the many volunteers who create the floats and march along the route.

Other special trees are also in the news. Known as "angel trees" they have been set up by the Kinmount and District Lions Club to receive your donations of new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items ideally by Dec. 18. The trees are set up in the post office, health centre, Kinmount pharmacy (lower level of the Health Centre) and the Kawartha Credit Union with food boxes also at the Legion and Freshmart. Again this year, the Lions are selling delicious Christmas cakes at Gateway Variety, Slice of the North, the health centre, Kinmount pharmacy, through Dave at Taylor's Garage or Vic at 488-3053. Here is a great way to support the good work of the Lions Club and also have your Christmas baking ready.

At Kinmount United Church this Sunday, Dec. 13, the third Sunday in Advent, will be White Gift Sunday. The service begins at the usual time of 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Paul Irwin presiding. Donations of non-perishable food items for the emergency pantry would be most welcomed. At the request of the new moderator of the United Church of Canada there will be a special repeat ringing of the bell after the service to signal concern for our planet Earth and the threat of global warming. Please join us for the service or listen for the message of the bells reminding that we must all do our part to care for this Earth home. The church, built in 1867, is located up on the East Hill at 15 Cluxton Street.

The open craft drop-in, hosted by the UCW of Kinmount United Church, will be held at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace on Thursday, Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to bring along a craft project or pick up new ideas over coffee and conversation. There is no charge for this program.

Bingo at the Legion branch 441 this Friday, Dec. 11 will have a special Christmas flavor with turkeys, hams and a \$300 jackpot to be won. Games start at 6:45 p.m. Mark your calendars now for the New Year's Eve Dance also at the Legion on Dec. 31 beginning at 9 p.m.

This Saturday, Dec. 12 there will be a drop-in craft

session at the Kinmount Library (488-3199). Holiday reading bargains are waiting for you at the Friends of the Library monthly book sale on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lower level of the Kinmount Public Library branch.

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Residents urged to take precautions with food during holidays

A recipe for food safety is one of the best things to serve family and friends this holiday season.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is reminding local residents that proper and safe food handling is even more important when people get together to celebrate the season. Food that is contaminated by viruses, parasites and bacteria such as E.coli can spoil the fun of holiday get-togethers and make people very sick, says a Health Unit official.

"Food is a big part of the festivities, so preparing foods safely should be a priority to reduce the risk of foodborne illness," says Atul Jain, Acting Assistant Director of Environmental Health with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Foodborne illness occurs more frequently than people think, he adds. Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada estimate that Canadians suffer approximately 11 million to 13 million cases of foodborne illness each year. Research conducted by the Canadian Partnership for Food Safety Education reveals that

many adults do not consistently follow safe food-handling practices.

"A large percentage of foodborne illness cases take place in the home, so don't open the door to this unwanted guest," Jain says.

To reduce the risk of illness this holiday season, the Health Unit offers the following food safety tips:

- Get off to a clean start. Wash hands, utensils and surfaces with hot soapy water before, during and after preparing foods. Sanitize countertops, cutting boards and utensils with a mild bleach and water solution. Wash all produce thoroughly before preparing, eating or cooking.

- Remember the two-hour rule when entertaining with a large meal or buffet. Perishable foods should not be left out at room temperature for longer than two hours. If in doubt, throw it out!

- Cook foods thoroughly and serve immediately. Keep hot foods hot with warming trays, chafing dishes or slow cookers that measure at least 60 C (140 F). Keep cold foods cold by resting serving dishes on crushed ice.

- When serving food, use small bowls or trays. This helps to ensure the temperature of food remains even, and also prevents food from being left out too long. Replace the food often. Replacement dishes should be stored in the oven or fridge prior to serving. Replace buffet foods with fresh, full trays. Remember that food left in the containers has already been at room temperature for a period of time.

- When traveling, wrap hot food in foil, heavy towels or insulated containers to keep a 60 C (140 F) temperature. Reheat thoroughly before serving. Put cold foods in a cooler with ice or freezer packs to keep them at 4 C (40 F) or lower.

- If preparing a frozen turkey for the holidays, start thawing it in the fridge several days before roasting. Allow 24 hours of defrosting time for every 2.5 kg (5 pounds) of turkey. Ensure leaking juices do not contaminate other foods in the fridge. Never thaw a turkey on the kitchen counter. Frozen turkeys can be thawed under running water, but water should be changed every 30 minutes. Ensure the turkey is wrapped in leak-proof plastic to

avoid the tissue absorbing excess water.

- When cooking a turkey, set the oven no lower than 165 C (350 F) and use a meat thermometer to ensure the turkey reaches an internal temperature of 82 C (180 F). The juices should run clear and there should be no pink seen on the meat. Stuffing should be cooked outside the turkey and reach a temperature of 74 C (165 F). If you choose a pre-cooked turkey, be sure to keep it in the oven at 60 C (140 F) until it is served.

- Leftovers should be refrigerated promptly in shallow containers so they cool quickly. Avoid leaving turkey sitting out for snacking after a meal. Use leftover turkey and other cooked dishes within four days. Stuffing and gravy should be used up within two days.

- While unpasteurized apple cider is a popular holiday beverage, it may contain E.coli. To be sure cider is safe, buy cider that is labeled pasteurized.

For more food safety tips, contact your local Health Unit office or visit www.hkpr.on.ca

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What's happening in the County

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• **December 10: Christmas Grand Opening at Y's Archie!** – It's a Christmas celebration at Y's Archie Gently Used Boutique at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden from 6 – 7:30 pm. YWCA volunteers have been busy little elves decorating the store, just in time for Christmas bargain hunters. There will be a ribbon-cutting and grand opening ceremony at 6:30 pm and Christmas cookies, hot apple cider and coffee served to all of our customers and guests. See you there!

• **December 11: Community Care Haliburton County Christmas Luncheon at the Wilberforce Legion** – Join us from 12 noon until 2 pm. \$15 pp, advance tickets only. Call 457-2941

• **December 11: Need Help With Your Christmas Shopping?** – St. Georges Youth Group will be offering Babysitting/Caregiving from 11 am to 4 pm, at the Church. Payment by donation. For more information, call Sylvia Clardige at 754-1193 or the church office at 457-2074.

• **December 11: Off The Wall** – a fundraiser for Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre
See what happens when a creative community collaborates. Tickets are \$30, call 457-2330 to order or purchase online at www.railsendgallery.com

• **December 13: The Promise of Light** – A Christmas musical by the Minden United Church Choir at 4 pm, followed by Turkey on a bun with all the trimmings. The meal is being prepared and served by the men of the Church. Cost \$10 per adult, \$5 children 5-12. Minden United Church is located at 21 Newcastle St. Minden. Phone 286-1470.

• **December 13: Santa Claus Parade** – Join us on the main street in Kinmount at 2 pm for our annual Santa Claus Parade.

• **December 13: A Christmas Tradition in Minden** – The Choir and congregation of St. Paul's Anglican Church, by the Gull River in Minden, invite the community to join in celebrating a Traditional Christmas Service of Carols and nine lessons, at 4 pm. Refreshments to follow.

• **December 14: H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic, Royal Canadian Legion from noon to 7 pm** – (719

Mountain St.) in Haliburton. Everyone over 6 months of age can get the H1N1 flu vaccine, seasonal flu vaccine or both. Call Health Unite at 866-888-4577 for more details.

• **December 17: Play and Learn at Wilberforce Lloyd Watson Centre 9:30 am – 12:00 pm** – Parents and children under 6 years enjoy activities, crafts and musical circles. Gain tips and ideas around parenting challenges. Enjoy a healthy nutritional snack. For more information call Julie at 705-286-1770 or leave a message at 705-457-2989

• **December 17: Community Care Haliburton County Christmas Luncheon at the Minden Legion** – Join us from 12 noon until 2 pm. \$15 pp, advance tickets only. Call 457-2941

• **Samaritan Purse Shoe Boxes – Operation Christmas Child** – is an easy and fun way for anyone, of any age, to make a difference in the lives of children living in desperate situations in the developing world. The shoe box gift season has begun. The 2009 local shoebox collection week is November 16-21 at Lakeside Baptist Church 713,294 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes were collected in Canada in 2008 with 680 going just from our area. Again this year Haliburton Home Hardware is offering to help by giving a 20% discount on shoe box gift items with a purchase of \$15 or more on regular priced items. For more information call Kathy Burk 457-2357.

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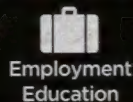
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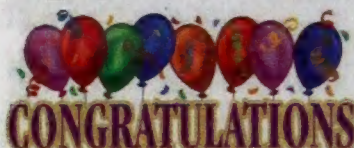
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30.2 acres complete with 3 BR mobile home, trails, maple, aspen, hickory, evergreens and year round access.

Paul Szpik - 457-2128

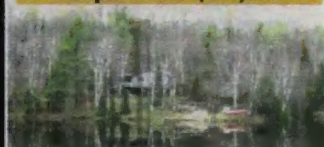
Beautiful Country Lot \$109,900



3 season cottage with 2BR, on a gently sloping, private lot with 115 feet frontage on the Irondale River - great canoeing & Kayaking! A nature lover's paradise!

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

Farquhar Lake \$314,800



Excellent 3 BR cottage featuring south exp., year round road, 11 acres & 720' lake frontage with sandy beach area. Also includes a large deck, dock & garage.

Wilfred VanLieshout - 457-2128 x 27

Home on 1 Acre \$119,000



Cute 2 bedroom home near Carnarvon with many recent upgrades. Close to snowmobile trail and public access to Kushog Lake.

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26

Country Log Home \$279,900



Just 12 minutes from Minden, this 3 BR updated home features a beautiful stone fireplace, pond, sauna, gazebo, and large deck situated on fantastic 2.8 acres country lot.

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

Minden Starter Home \$99,900



Well cared for, cozy one bedroom plus den home very close to town on almost 1/2 an acre. Main floor laundry, circular drive, year round municipal road, appliances included.

Anne Moulton 286-2138 x 24

Private Retreat \$225,000



Original 100 acre homestead with log cabin, bunkie, & pond on a municipal year round road. This is a true natural paradise with trails running throughout the property. Ideal for the creative spirit!

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

Glamor Lake \$299,000



Charming Country cottage with 2 bedrooms a bunkie, lovely outdoor deck & lakeside patio area with 122 feet of rock shoreline, spectacular view and SE exposure.

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

Kushog Lake \$349,000



Charming 3 BR cottage on well treed lot with 190' of water ftg with good docking for all the toys. 14 miles of boating, great fishing lake and clean sand shoreline.

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

Haliburton Village \$329,900



Newer 3 BR, 3 bath home in 4.25 acres features hardwood floors, fireplace, woodstove, ensuite with Jacuzzi tub, main floor laundry, 2 car garage & more!

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Opportunity Knocks - \$485,000



Vendor will consider V.T.B. to right buyer for this Main Street, Haliburton building. Keep long-term tenants for steady income or take advantage of investment possibilities.

Deborah Deremo 457-2128 x 58

Kashagawigamog Lake \$195,000



Great location on Lake Champlain Sand Shoreline! Boat launch & 600 sq. cottage! What an opportunity! This site is just 5 minutes to Haliburton Village, local amenities, golf and shopping. A fantastic spot to build a year round home.

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

Gull Lake Lot \$155,000



Building lot with western exposure and a fantastic view. Shallow, sand and gravel shoreline. Easy access off Highway 35.

Anne Moulton 286-2138 x 24



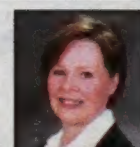
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Janice Brookes*
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Dagmar Boettcher*
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Deborah Deremo**
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Mark Dennys*
457-2128 x 30



Tom Ecclestone*
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Lee Gauthier**
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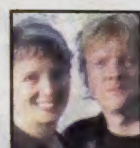
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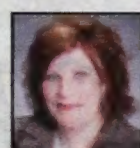
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Erin Nicholls*
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Karen Nimigon**
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Derrell Stamp* & Kim Stamp****
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Greg Stamp*
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